Development of Satellite Cities and Towns in Tamil Nadu

*72. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any request from the Government of Tamil Nadu for an increase in funds for its various urban development schemes; and

(b) whether government Proose to provide funds to the government of Tamil Nadu for development of satellite cities and towns to meet the problem of over-population in its citiees?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) and (b) No scheme specific to Tamil Nadu is under condideration in this Ministry. Funds are, howerve available under the Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT), Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) and Urban Basic Services schemes for the development of towns in Tamil Nadu, as in other States and Union Territories.

Licencing for New Sugar Units

*73. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state the number of applications pending for grant of licences for new sugar units in cooperative sector, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : No application for grant of licence for setting up of a new sugar factory in the cooperative sector is pending. in the Department of Food, at present.

Closing of Non-viable Public Sector Fertilizer Units

*74. SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted the recommendation of the Committee of Secretaries to close down some of the non-viable public sector fertilizer units which are incurring losses ;

(b) whether Government have assessed the number of workers who are likely to be rendered unemployed due to the closure of these units ;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to provide employment to those workers; and

(d) whether Government also propose to build up new fertilizer units in place of the losing units ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra

*75. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken with regard to various major and medium irrigation projects in Maharashtra ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Irrigation projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments. However,